1	2	3	4
7. State Bank of Saurashtra	31748	34868	39702
8. State Bank of Travancore	38	81	119
9. Allahabad Bank	1352	1480	1571
10. Andhra Bank	1000	1117	1294
11. Bank of Baroda	115859	129400	144140
12. Bank of India	55390	62655	66932
13. Bank of Maharashtra	3254	3422	3929
14. Canara Bank	7051	10621	9864
15. Central Bank of India	41521	45515	49800
16. Corporation Bank	3165	3529	4719
17. Dena Bank	50624	53528	58510
18. Indian Bank	6756	7544	8371
19. Indian Overseas Bank	10877	12274	14535
20. New Bank of India	1657	1873	2270
21. Oriental Bank of Commerce	1660	2084	2700
22. Punjab National Bank	11456	13785	16139
23. Punjab & Sind Bank	1065	987	1349
24. Syndicate Bank	7129	7652	8439
25. UCO Bank	11134	12384	13879
26. Union Bank of India	24340	26201	28352
27. United Bank of India	2087	1888	2018
28. Vijaya Bank	3444	4076	4279

NOTE : Data are provisional.

Distribution of legal work among bank advocates

1107. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that favouritism and nepotism is prevalent in Nationalised Banks relating to distribution of legal work among the bank advocates;

(b) whether the Government propose to issue instructions to all banks to distribute the legal work among the panel of advocates on rotation basis by the legal/controlling offices; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Banks allocate work to different empanelled advocates depending on the types of cases, the specific expertise of the advocates as also their experience of the handling of cases by

advocates, not only in terms of competence but also in terms of priority given and time and energy devoted by the advocates to the banks' work. Banks cannot allocate their legal work among different empanelled lawyers ignoring these considerations.

The question of allocation of court cases among various empanelled lawyers is a matter of day to day management of the banks and Government do not propose to interfere therein. However, whenever complaints of favouritism/nepotism are received by bank managements at higher levels are asked to look into them for corrective action, wherever called for.

Prosecutions launched under the Customs Act

1108. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) total amount of seizures made at Palam Airport by the Customs Authorities since 1st April, 1986;

(b) total number of prosecutions launched under the Customs Act throughout India since 1st April, 1986; and

(c) what is the number of persons who were convicted undtr the Customs Act throughout India since 1st April, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The total value of contraband goods seized at the Delhi Airport during the period from 1-4-86 to 31-1-87 is Rs. 5.09 crores.

(b) and (c) The total number of persons prosecuted and convicted under the Customs Act throughout India during the period from 1st April, 1986 to 31-1-1987 is given below:-

Period	Number of persons prosecuted	Number of persons convicted
1st April, 1986 to 31st January, 1987 . . .	2013	684

(Figures are provisional)

Central Excise Duty outstanding in the country

1109. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total arrears of Central Excise Duty outstanding throughout the country; and

(b) the names of the defaulters of Central Excise Duty of more than Rs. 50 lakhs and the action taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Circulation of newspapers

1110. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what are the names of the newspapers having largest circulation in India, in Urdu and Punjabi languages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): 'Hind Samachar' published from Jalandhar is the largest circu-